

for community colleges to the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint subcommittee on education appropriations by January 15, 2001.

2. A report on the progress toward implementation of the management information system to the legislative fiscal bureau and department of management by June 30, 2000.¹

3. An update on the progress toward implementation of the management information system to the house and senate standing education committees and the joint subcommittee on education appropriations by January 15, 2001.

The report and the update required pursuant to subsections 2 and 3 shall include, but shall not be limited to, information on the total amounts appropriated and expended for purposes of the management information system, the amount needed to complete the system, the hardware and software needed, and a description of the information the complete system is capable of providing.

4. A plan to improve sharing of data on student academic performance and career planning between school districts and community colleges. The plan shall be developed utilizing community college personnel and the bureau of community colleges.

5. A report on strategic planning transmitted to the senate and house standing committees on education and the joint appropriations subcommittee on education by January 15, 2001.

Sec. 5. INITIAL STATEWIDE STRATEGIC PLAN. Notwithstanding section 256.31, subsection 4, the state board of education shall submit a preliminary report regarding the initial statewide strategic plan by December 1, 2000. The department shall approve, adopt, and implement the initial plan by July 1, 2001.

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CHAPTER 1168

NONHIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION

H.F. 2477

AN ACT relating to nonhighway transportation, including aircraft registration and passenger rail service.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 327J.1, Code 1999, is amended by adding the following new subsection: **NEW SUBSECTION.** 5. "Midwest regional rail system" means the passenger rail system identified through a multistate planning effort in cooperation with AMTRAK.

Sec. 2. Section 327J.3, subsections 2 through 4, Code 1999, are amended by striking the subsections and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

2. The director may enter into agreements with AMTRAK and other states associated with the midwest regional rail system for the purpose of developing a rail passenger system serving the midwest, including service from Chicago, Illinois, to Omaha, Nebraska, through Iowa. The agreements may include any of the following:

a. Cost-sharing agreements associated with initiating service, capital costs, operating subsidies, and other costs necessary to develop and maintain service.

¹ See chapter 1232, §87 herein

b. Joint powers agreements and other institutional arrangements associated with the administration, management, and operation of a midwest regional rail system.

3. The director shall enter into discussions with members of Iowa's congressional delegation to foster rail passenger service in this state and the midwest and to maximize the level of federal funding for the service, including funding for the midwest regional rail system.

4. The director may provide assistance and enter into agreements with cities along the proposed route of the midwest regional rail system or other passenger rail system serving the midwest to ensure that rail stations and terminals are designed and developed in accordance with the following objectives:

a. To meet safety and efficiency requirements outlined by AMTRAK and the federal railroad administration.

b. To aid intermodal transportation.

c. To encourage economic development.

5. The director shall report annually to the general assembly concerning the development and operation of the midwest regional rail system and the state's passenger rail service.

Sec. 3. Section 328.35, subsection 1, Code 1999, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. e. An aircraft which is displayed in a museum.

Sec. 4. **LIMITATION ON EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE.** It is the intent of the general assembly that moneys directed to be deposited in the road use tax fund under section 312.1 shall not be used for loans, grants, or other financial assistance for passenger rail service.

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CHAPTER 1169

TAXATION OF SALE OF LIVESTOCK EAR TAGS

H.F. 2569

AN ACT exempting the sale of livestock ear tags by certain nonprofit organizations from the sales and use taxes.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 422.45, Code Supplement 1999, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 57. The gross receipts from the sales of livestock ear tags by a nonprofit organization whose income is exempt from federal taxation under section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code where the proceeds are used in bovine research programs selected or approved by such organization.

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